Sri F. H. MOHSIN.—May I know the extra burden on this State if the D.A. of pensioners is to be brought to the level of neighbouring States?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—That figure has not been worked out and is not available just at present.

9-30 A.M.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—In deciding the pension for Government servants, usually 50 per cent of the salary is given as pension. Should they not on the same basis consider the question of giving 50 per cent of the dearness allowance also to the Government servants who have retired?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Dearness allowance is a temporary relief whereas pension is a permanent relief and therefore commutation or adjustment of the temporary relief cannot be made while giving permanent relief.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Development of Thangadi Bark Industry.

*Q.—101. Sri T. HANUMIAH (Challakere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware that Thangadi Bark industry is one of the main cottage industries of Harijans;

(*b*) whether they are also aware that Harijans are being exploited by contractors who make more profit in this industry;

(*c*) the steps taken by the Rural and Cottage Industries Department to develop this industry with a view to improving the economic condition of Harijans?

A.—Smt. LEELAVATHI MAGADI VENKTESH (Deputy Minister for Rural Industries).—

(*a*) Government are aware that Harijans are generally employed by Forest Contractors for collecting Thangadi Bark in forest areas. Collection of Thangadi bark is not an industry.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the reply to clause (*a*).

Misappropriation of Grant by the Management of Karnatak Rashtreeya Vidyalaya, Bidar

*Q.—434. Sri J. P. SARWESH (Serum).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Karnatak Reshtreeya Vidyalaya, Bidar, is a recognised grant-in-aid school subject to control of the Department of Education;

(*b*) whether there have been complaints from the public or teachers about the misappropriation of the grant by the management of the above school;

(*c*) whether the Inspector of Schools, Bidar, held an enquiry on 14th July 1958 regarding assault on a lady teacher on 8th July 1958 when she refused to agree to the proposal of the Secretary to sign for amounts not received by her;

(*d*) whether and if so the action taken by the Government in this behalf?

A.—Sri ANNA RAO GANAMUKHI (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, from the teachers.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Dispute has been settled by the Inspector of Schools.

Tours of Ministers and Deputy Ministers

*Q.—482. Sri KUNDUR RUDRAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of tours undertaken by each Minister and Deputy Minister in each district after they assumed office up to February 1959;

(*b*) the amount of T.A. and D.A. drawn by them (monthwar details may be furnished);